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Mr. Hassan Raza, Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administrator
300 South New Street
Dover, DE 19901

Subject: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) US 301 Project (CEQ 20060469)

Dear Mr. Raza:

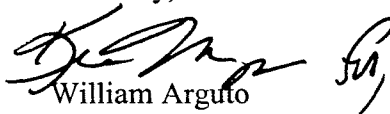
In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Section 404), and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508), the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the above referenced project. The FEIS was prepared by DelDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in cooperation with the US Army Corp of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

As you are aware, the US 301 project proposes to improve and enhance highway safety, manage truck traffic, and address existing and projected traffic congestion in the Delaware portion of the highway, while minimizing environmental impacts and accommodating existing and planned development. The project proposes to provide improved travel conditions for vehicles traveling north/south between US 301 at the Delaware/Maryland state line and points north of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal via State Road (SR) 896 (Summit Bridge) and SR-1 in Southern New Castle County, Delaware.

On September 17, 2007, EPA provided a comment letter on the Agency Preview of the FEIS. The letter included comments on wetland mitigation and storm water management associated with the highway project. DelDOT has allayed our concerns by providing additional information on proposed wetland mitigation and storm water management. Those additional measures will be incorporated into the proposed project's Record of Decision.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the FEIS. EPA looks forward to the continued coordination as DelDOT progresses forward with this project. Should you have any questions regarding our comments concerning the NEPA process, please contact Kevin Magerr at 215-814-5724.

Sincerely,


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cc: Robert Taylor, DelDOT